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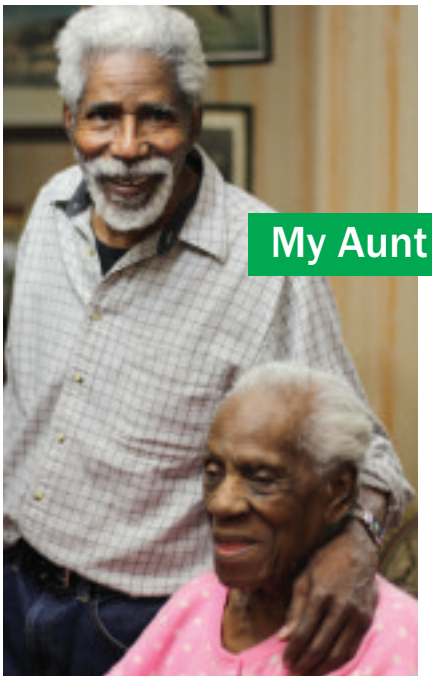

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HATE CRIME
ON HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY

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Neighbors outside of the Taylor-Wythe Houses in Williamsburg watch as police investigate a rash of hate crimes that occurred on Monday and Tuesday. / EMILY JOHNSON

Northside Fest ready for summer

More than 300 bands will perform at the event. PAGE 04

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In the news

Quinn hits out at NY1

City Council Speaker Christine Quinn has reportedly threatened to sue NY1 for including a negative ad against her in its coverage, according to the station.

One of the mezuzahs was only scorched, left, and one was burned at the Tyler-Wythe houses in Williamsburg, right. / EMILY JOHNSON

Vandal burns holy Mezuzahs in spree

Arson. The suspect set fire to the doors of several Jewish residents in Williamsburg.

Instilling fear

"This is a blatant act of anti-Semitism with a clear attempt to instill fear and intimidate victims in their homes."

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Eleven mezuzahs appeared to have been intentionally burned Monday afternoon outside of Jewish doorways at the Taylor-Wythe Houses, a New York City Housing Authority complex in Brooklyn.

Mezuzahs are pieces of parchment contained in decorative casing. They are affixed to the entryways of Jewish homes, according to Jewish custom.

"The mezuzah is a symbol of protection," explained community member Gary Schlesinger. "It's not only a religious symbol — it's something we feel is protecting our safety."

Schlesinger noted the burning occurred on Holocaust Remembrance Day, and said that there are many Holocaust survivors in the building.

An NYPD spokesperson said the incident is being investigated as property damage and the determination of hate crime will come later.

On Tuesday, cops reported seeing a possible suspect on surveillance camera.

Brooklyn Borough President Marty Markowitz pointed out that Brooklyn is home to more Holocaust survivors than anywhere else in the world.

Another mezuzah was found burned yesterday at 130 Clymer St.

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Roberto's is one of the most famous pizza joints in NYC. / METRO

Free labor. Roberta's ad for unpaid intern stirs local backlash

Famed Roberta's pizza is seeking unpaid interns to work in the garden.

A Craigslist posting that has been since removed describes what the intern will be doing.

"Job/activities will include producing fruits, vegetables and edible flowers. ... Help maintain our bee hives as well as harvest honey."

The idea of an unpaid intern at a restaurant with hours-long waits was met with backlash in signs that took Roberta to task for being "greedy."

According to Gothamist, Roberta's issued a statement in support of its intern program.

MARY ANN GEORGANTOPOULOS

Child safety

Teacher arrested for sex with teen

A Queens teacher has been charged with rape after he allegedly had a sexual affair with a 13-year-old girl.

Daniel Reilly, 36, was arrested Monday evening at I.S. 237 in Flushing, where he taught. Reilly allegedly had an eight-month affair with a teen that began when the girl was 13 years old, the Daily News reports.

The girl, now 14, was Reilly's student when she was in elementary school, the News reports.

LAURA SHIN

Veggie farm

New Queens rooftop greenhouse

Jamaica, Queens, is getting a massive rooftop greenhouse, according to DNAinfo.

The greenhouse is anticipated to produce more than 500 tons of fresh, pesticide-free vegetables and herbs annually.

It will be operated by Gotham Greens, which already runs a greenhouse in Greenpoint, Brooklyn. The Greater Jamaica Development Corporation is working to find a building for the greenhouse.

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Cycling city

Brooklyn waterfront path coming

The Department of Transportation is working on a waterfront pedestrian walkway and bike path that will extend from Bay Ridge to Greenpoint, according to Brownstoner.

Construction for the Brooklyn Waterfront Greenway is scheduled to start in Red Hook this summer. Preliminary plans have been approved for sections in Greenpoint.

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Northside music festival lineup is big on hip bands

Indie music. The annual event is back with a technology expo and 350 bands.

Get pumped, Brooklyn music lovers: The lineup for Brooklyn's Northside Festival has been announced.

The festival will run from June 13 to June 20 and feature 350 bands and more than 40 films.

This year's festival will kick off with an Entrepreneurship and Technology Expo (NExT) on June 13 and 14.

A free outdoor public innovation expo will take place in McCarren Park and will be open to the public for free, and an entrepreneurship conference will be held at Brooklyn Bowl, Brooklyn Brewery and the Wythe Hotel.

The Walkmen are headlining.
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Speakers will include Charles Adler, the co-founder of Kickstarter, and Jason Goodman, the CEO and co-founder of 3rd Ward, among others.

Two free, ticketed outdoor shows in McCarren Park on June 15 and 16 have been announced. The June 15 headliner will be the Walkmen. June 16's main act is yet to be named.

Other musical acts appearing at the festival are Mac DeMarco, Black Flag, Har Mar Superstar, Lambchop, Lower, Lushlife, the Luyas, White Fence, Ava Luna, among many others.

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Gun accident

NJ boy shoots his friend

A 6-year-old boy from New Jersey is in stable condition after his 4-year-old neighbor shot him in the head with a rifle Monday while the two were playing.

Police said the .22 went off at about 7 p.m. in the yard of the 4-year-old's home in Toms River, N.J., NBC News reports. **LAURA SHIN**

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Gov. Andrew Cuomo and Manhattan DA Cy Vance discuss corruption laws. / MARIO TAMA, GETTY IMAGES

Cuomo names new NY corruption laws

Dirty politics. Gov. Andrew Cuomo announced tougher penalties for corruption.

The governor announced a legislation package yesterday, which he calls the Public Trust Act, while joined by state district attorneys.

Laws already on the books are not effective enough to prosecute politicians, Cuomo said.

"It is time to put an end to the dirty dealers among our elected officials," Bronx District Attorney Robert Jackson said.

Last week, State Sen. Malcolm Smith and Queens Councilman Dan Halloran were among those arrested in a plot, prosecutors say, to rig the 2013 mayoral race.

Days later, Bronx Assemblyman Eric Stevenson was charged with corruption.

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Cleaning up NY

Tougher laws for dirty pols

Under Cuomo's new legislation, prosecutors would only have to prove that a person "intended" to influence through a bribe.

"Crimes of public corruption should be treated more seriously than other white-collar crimes because when they break the law, they also break the public trust that the people have placed in government," Cuomo said.

He announced a new class of crimes that would include bribing a public servant, corrupting the government and failing to report a bribe.

The new legislation would also bar those convicted from holding office, lobbying, contracting or doing business with the state.

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Emily Singleton was last seen on Sunday morning entering the subway at 14th Street. / MILES DIXON

Police ID body of woman found on subway tracks

Underground. Emily Singleton might have died when she fell off the subway platform.

Police have identified the woman whose body was found on the tracks at the Canal Street station over the weekend as a 22-year-old NYU theater student.

Emily Singleton, a Pennsylvania native who was living in Park Slope, appeared to have died from a fall onto the tracks and was not hit by a train, the New York Post reports.

The young woman was spotted at McKenna's Pub in Chelsea early Sunday morning. She was later seen entering a subway station at 14th Street and Seventh Avenue. She was found Sunday afternoon covered in soot in between the tracks on the southbound side of the Canal Street station. Police believe she had been drinking and fell off the subway platform, fatally hitting her head. Singleton was a graduate of Bucknell University who moved to New York to pursue a theater career, the Post reports.

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Body discovered

She was found Sunday afternoon covered in soot in between the tracks at the Canal Street subway station.

Electrical cord

DOC officer arrested for whipping daughter

A Department of Corrections officer was arrested on Monday, police reported.

Lateaisha Johnson, 36, was arrested in Coney Island, according to the Daily News.

Johnson's 14-year-old daughter called 911 after Johnson used an electrical cord to whip the girl.

DANIELLE TCHOLAKIAN

Busted. Times Square 'Cookie Monster' is arrested for shoving

A man who dresses up as Cookie Monster in Times Square was charged on Sunday after he allegedly pushed a 2-year-old boy to the ground because the boy's mom did not have money to give him a tip.

Osvaldo Quiroz-Lopez, 33, was charged with reckless endangerment and endangering the welfare of a child.

LAURA SHIN

Cookie Monster / GETTY IMAGES

College student wounds 14 in stabbing spree

Harris County Sheriff officers seal off the campus after at least 14 people were injured in a stabbing incident at the Cy-Fair campus of Lone Star College yesterday. / GETTY IMAGES

School safety. Attacks have prompted calls for tighter security at U.S. schools.

A male student went on a stabbing spree at a community college in northwest Houston yesterday, injuring at least 14 people, two of them critically, Harris County Sheriff Adrian Garcia said. The campus was sealed off.

Garcia said at a press conference that an emergency call came in at 11:12 a.m. local time: "Male on the loose stabbing people."

A 21-year-old male, a student at Lone Star College near Houston, was detained. Police did not release his name. Garcia declined to say what type of weapon the man used, although the injuries were mostly lacerations.

The campus, part of a Texas community college network with nearly 19,000 students, was on lockdown and being methodically searched by police.

"This is a sprawling campus," Harris County Sheriff's Department spokesman Alan Bernstein said on CNN. "It will take a long time to get through all these buildings, to interview everybody."

The suspect is believed to have acted alone, Garcia said. Earlier in the day, police had said they were searching for a possible second suspect.

Of the 14 injured, two were in critical condition, four in fair condition and eight others had minor injuries, Garcia said.

In January, at another campus of Lone Star College in the Houston area, three people were shot. Yesterday's incident was the latest of several attacks at schools across the country in the last year. **REUTERS**

Senate majority

Reid says he will hold first vote on gun control bill

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid said he has scheduled an initial vote for tomorrow on a controversial gun control bill.

Democratic aides said they expect to defeat Republican efforts to block the bill. **REUTERS**

Sen. McConnell

FBI asked to probe recording of campaign office

Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell's reelection campaign said yesterday it has asked the FBI to investigate how a campaign strategy meeting was recorded. **REUTERS**

Politics

Nominee vows to run Medicare as a 'business'

Testifying before the Senate Finance Committee, Marilyn Tavenner said her role would be to run Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services both as a business and as a partner with many healthcare entities for the benefit of all. **REUTERS**

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Penis size does matter to women, study suggests

Science. Tall men with wide shoulders and an impressive "offering" were deemed most attractive.

Whatever magazines and advice columnists soothingly claim, women do care about the size of a man's penis, according to new research from Australia.

Scientists at the University of Canberra say the average length of the human male member is much larger than evolution would naturally demand for breeding purposes. And they posit that it grew over the eons to reflect the preference of women for a longer penis in potential mates.

Before homo sapien males started wearing clothing, their genitals would have been easily spotted by potential female partners, said the University's Brian Mautz.

So there would be no need for the penis to grow in size — apart from the fact that over the years, men with a heftier package had more luck in attracting women, he added.

"We found that male attractiveness is significantly influenced by penis size. More specifically, we found that large penises are rated as relatively more attractive than smaller ones," he said.

Twenty-first century women show the same preference his team concluded.

They showed images of naked men to 100 Australian women, altering the length of the penis.

The woman showed a marked attractiveness preference for the images where men were better endowed. Other factors, such as having wider shoulders or hips, increased male attractiveness.

Tall men with both wide shoulders and an impressive offering in the underpant department were most attractive of all, they added.

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Earthquake

Iran quake / GETTY IMAGES

6.3 quake near Iranian nuclear city

A powerful earthquake struck close to Iran's only nuclear power station yesterday, killing 37 people and injuring 850 as it destroyed homes and devastated two small villages.

The quake totally destroyed one village, a Red Crescent official told the Iranian Students' News Agency, but the nearby Bushehr nuclear plant was undamaged, according to Iranian officials.

"This tragedy has deepened and we have seen the destruction of many homes in the region," said the governor of Bushehr province, Fereydoun Hassanvand.

REUTERS

Spelling Bee adds vocabulary to format

Young contestants at the Scripps National Spelling Bee will face a new challenge this year — not only having to spell obscure words, but also to know what they mean for the first time since it started in 1927. / GETTY IMAGES

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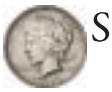

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South Korean soldiers wear gas masks as a K-55 self-propelled howitzer drives past at a military training field on the border city of Paju. /GETTY IMAGES

North Korea warns foreigners to leave South amid threats

Broadcast. The warning was read aloud on North Korea's state television in a bulletin that interrupted normal programming.

North Korea intensified threats of an imminent conflict against the United States and the South yesterday, warning foreigners to evacuate South Korea to avoid being dragged into "thermonuclear war."

The North's latest message belied an atmosphere free of anxiety in the South Korean capital, where the city center was bustling with traffic and offices operated normally.

Pyongyang has shown no sign of preparing its 1.2 million-strong army for war, indicating the threat could be aimed partly at bolstering Kim Jong-un, 30, the third in his family to lead the country.

The North, which threatens the United States and its "puppet" South Korea, on a daily basis, is marking anniversaries this week that could be accompanied by strong statements or military displays.

The warning to foreigners in the South, reported by the KCNA news agency, said once war broke out "it will be an all-out war, a merciless, sacred, retaliatory war to be waged by [North Korea].

"It does not want to see foreigners in South Korea fall victim to the war," the agency quoted the Korea Asia-Pacific Peace Committee as saying.

"The committee informs all foreign institutions and enterprises and foreigners, including tourists ... that they are requested to take measures for shelter and evacuation in advance for their safety."

None of the embassies in Seoul appeared to have issued any directives to their nationals, and airlines reported no changes in their schedules. REUTERS

Replacement

France gets new camel after first one is eaten

Malian authorities will give French President Francois Hollande another camel after the one they gave him in thanks for helping repel Islamist rebels was killed and eaten by the family he left it with in Timbuktu, an official in Mali said.

A local government official in northern Mali said yesterday that a replacement would be sent to France. REUTERS

Withdraw. France pulls out from Mali after anti-Islamist offensive

France has started withdrawing its troops from Mali after an operation to help local forces push back an offensive by Islamist rebels, an army spokesman said yesterday.

Paris aims to complete the withdrawal of 3,000 soldiers this year and will keep a permanent, 1,000-strong combat force in the former colony to support a U.N. peacekeeping mission of African forces.

Despite concerns over persistent Islamist attacks in the north and the lack of security in many areas, France is pressing Mali's interim government to organize national elections to complete a democratic transition after a March 2012 coup.

"It's the start of the pullout," French Army Col. Thierry Burkhard said. "The aim is to be down to 2,000 in July."

Burkhard said that about 100 men from a parachute regiment that had been based in Tessalit, in the foothills of the Adrar des Ifoghas mountain range, had now left Mali.

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The United States was in the top five, with Texas conducting the most with 15. / GETTY IMAGES

Death penalties spread in 2012

Punishment. Amnesty Int'l. also expresses concern at a rise in cruel methods of execution.

Executions increased last year, resumed in several countries and were used for lighter offences, according to Amnesty International's "Death Penalty in 2012" report.

The global total of 682 confirmed executions was two higher than 2011, although Amnesty acknowledged the actual number was far higher. In a "worrying setback," G20 nations Japan and India carried out their first executions since 2010 and 2004, respectively, and Pakistan its first since 2008. China executed the most people, with thousands of known instances, but these are a state secret.

The highest recorded total was 314 in Iran, with the actual figure closer to 600. Public executions and televised confessions rose sharply in 2012 under President Mahmoud Ahmedinijad, and the number of death sentences for homosexuality and irreligious behavior increased. "Iran has got away from us and its painful to watch," Amnesty expert Drewery Dike told Metro. "Human rights in general have been ground into the dust."

The U.S. remains in the top five, executing 43 people in 2012 — the same as 2011. Connecticut became the 17th state to abolish the death penalty, with two more close to a moratorium.

Texas conducted the most with 15, but campaigners cite progress there, too: "Death sentences are dropping to historically low levels, as there has been greater discussion about the exorbitant cost and the alternative of life in prison without parole," said Kristin Houle of the Texas Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty.

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Apparent accident

4-year-old NJ boy shoots friend

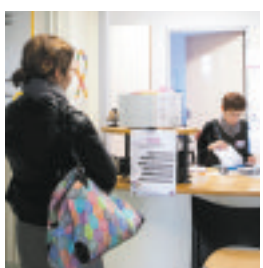
A 4-year-old New Jersey boy shot and seriously injured a 6-year-old boy with a rifle he found in his family's home, police said yesterday.

The shooting, in Toms River, New Jersey, came two days after another 4-year-old shot and killed the wife of a sheriff's deputy at her home in Lebanon, Tennessee. REUTERS

New bill. Alabama has law tightening rules for abortion clinics

Doctors who provide abortions will face stricter standards in Alabama starting in July under a law signed yesterday that requires them to have admitting privileges at hospitals in the state.

Proponents say the legislation will make pregnancy terminations safer, while critics say it will unnecessarily restrict a woman's right to choose an abortion. REUTERS



Alabama is the seventh state to require hospital admitting privileges for abortion providers. / GETTY IMAGES

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CULTURE

Twitter feed

Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

Today, Amanda Bynes is going on the offensive and Bob Saget has some great culinary tips.

@AmandaBynes: I'm suing In Touch for writing another fake story with terrible photographs.

@bobsaget: A veggie Burger can make a delicious late night snack if there's BBQ sauce on it and there's nothing else remotely edible in the kitchen.

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Drake Bell takes on Justin Bieber's fans

Former "Drake & Josh" star Drake Bell is picking a fight with Justin Bieber's fans online, which may not be the smartest move. "I don't 'hate' Justin Bieber. His fans are the problem," Bell tweeted last month, but this past weekend he really got into it. "I love when beliebers say they loved me on ['Drake & Josh'] but what happened to the old Drake," he wrote. "[Bieber], you have the most insane fans in the world." He also poked fun at Bieber himself, and the stunt inevitably earned him a slew of angry responses. "Putting a moratorium on tweets about beliebers," he finally wrote. "Just wanted to show how sick and twisted people can get."

THE WORD

Dorothy Robinson's take on the world of gossip

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The 'Deface Dorothy's Face' contest continues

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Last week, I asked you to get creative with my giant new headshot. And you did. Here are a few:

@AnkhiKrolLaw cast me in a starring role in "Boys Don't Cry." (Maybe I should stop waxing?)

@JJS_III turned me into a "terrifying rabbit creature."

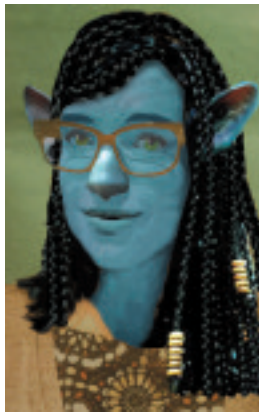
@M_ajrseW noted that the fumes in her "#DiscoDorothy" doodle made her dizzy.

@GTIndeed decided I'd look best as a "1920s steel conglomerate tycoon."

I'm not sure how to say "awesome" in Na'vi — but it's the only response to **Ed Harris of Philadelphia**'s submission.

Then there's the entry from **Phoebe**, a 5-year-old New Yorker (my giant head transcends generations). She decided I'd look best as a princess. Her father explained: "After she drew her picture, I dissected it to attach it to your headshot, and she cried. Something about it being the best princess picture she ever did and not understanding why I would cut it up with scissors. Clearly she doesn't fully understand concept art."

Keep 'em coming, readers. Don't let a 5-year-old — no matter how talented she is — show you up.



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Chris Brown and Rihanna are no longer. Probably.

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The soap opera between Chris Brown and Rihanna continues: The on-again, off-again couple has reportedly called it quits, according to E! News. While Brown has been spotted in New York entertaining a mystery blonde, Rihanna has been finishing up her latest tour and spending time in L.A. between gigs, but sources say that she's shifting her focus from her love life to planning future tours and launching a new fragrance line.

Rosario Dawson stars in Danny Boyle's crime thriller, "Trance," in theaters now. / GETTY IMAGES

You're getting sleepy — very, very sleepy

Interview. Actress Rosario Dawson talks about the dangers of speaking like a hypnotist and the challenge of baring it all.

Rosario Dawson put in plenty of practice to master the vocal style of her "Trance" character, a professional hypnotherapist, and the clearest sign that all of that practice paid off came when she nearly got herself and a pal into a car accident. But we're getting ahead of ourselves.

To master the wording and rhythm of the many trances that her character uses to hypnotize clients over the course of the film, Dawson recorded herself saying each one and would listen to them back — which was all fine and good until she took the practice on the road. "I had made this recording and I was going out with my friend Tara to Sunday dinner — which is a thing in England in the afternoon — but I had, like, 10 pages that Monday and I wanted to make sure I had it all down," she recalls. "So I was like, 'Do you mind if we listen to it on the way over there?' She's driving and kind of [zoning out]. She was like, 'Rosario? I think I understand why they say to not operate machinery while listening to motivational speeches. I'm feeling very lulled right now, this might not be good.'"

Endangering her pals aside, Dawson had other concerns when it came to "Trance" — namely the film's extremely revealing and much-talked-about nudity. "The nudity definitely is something. Not so much that it bothers me but because it becomes a focal point, it becomes a conversation point," she says.

"I liked the way that this was structured and how particular and specific the necessity for it in that scene is. It felt very dangerous and risky, and I could connect to it as an actress. It didn't feel gratuitous, it didn't feel 'too much.' It felt like the right kind of challenge."

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Beauty secrets

It's all about the genes

Rosario Dawson won't take credit for her beauty. "Have you seen my hair and makeup team back there? It's like getting going into the [Nascar] pit," she laughs. She also has genetics on her side. "My grandmother was almost 76 when she passed, and she did almost everything wrong — she was a smoker, she was a drinker, she used to wear oil in the sun — and she had the most remarkable skin. So I'm just going to give it to the good genes."

TV watch list

REALITY

'Toy Hunter'

We're waiting for an episode that features toy dealer Jordan Hembrough having a sudden realization that he is in his 40s. **SEASON PREMIERE, 9 P.M., TRAVEL**

NEWSMAGAZINE

'Nova'

A scientific history of Australia's first four billion years. Worth it for the explanation of why water in the toilet spins backward. **9 P.M., PBS**

REALITY

'I Want That'

Detailed instructions on what to buy to stick it to the Joneses. **SEASON PREMIERE, 11 P.M., DIY.**

REALITY

'Haunted Collector'

Paranormal investigators scope out household objects with weird vibes to determine if they are haunted. Are ghosts so hard-pressed for real estate these days that they're forced to live in lamps? **9 P.M., SYFY. NATALIE SHURE**

"Nova" explores Australia's first four billion years. / RICHARD SMITH

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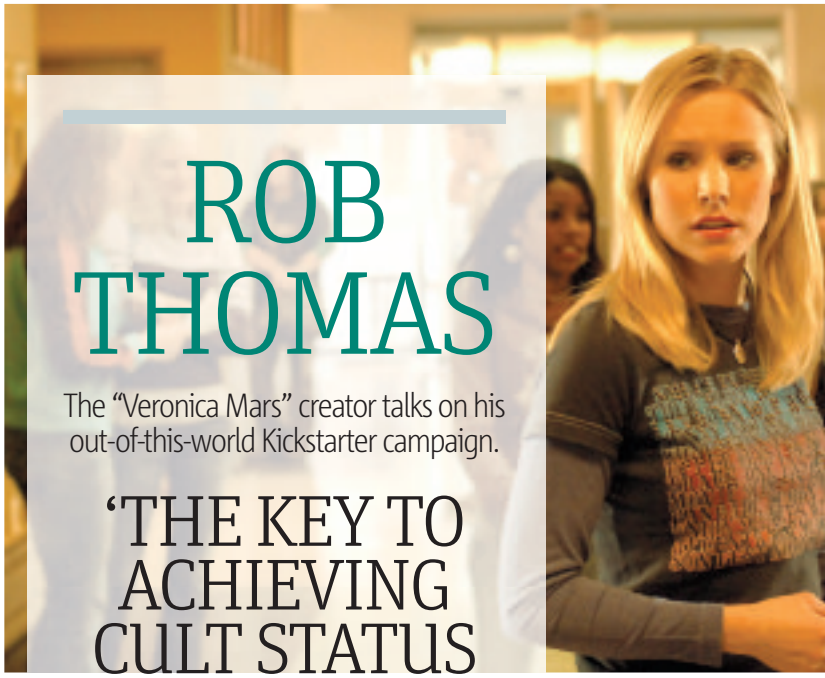

ROB THOMAS

The "Veronica Mars" creator talks on his out-of-this-world Kickstarter campaign.

'THE KEY TO ACHIEVING CULT STATUS IS BEING ABLE TO HANG ON FOR A WHILE'

Though the "Veronica Mars" movie is not set for release until sometime in 2014, there are only two more days for you to get involved with it. The movie, based on the mid-2000s TV series about a spunky high school private detective played by Kristin Bell, has been enjoying a successful Kickstarter campaign, which ends Friday. At press time, creator Rob Thomas had raised $4.8 million, more than double of what his original goal was. Thomas says that the initial $2 million budget, while seemingly modest, was definitely doable.

"When Kristin and I went into it, we sort of agreed that we would make [what] she called the 'no fancy trailers budget,'" Thomas says.

Bell is signed on, obviously, as is Jason Dohring, who played her boyfriend Logan Echolls. Who else is returning?
We're in negotiations with the other cast members, and I've spoken to all [of them]. Absolutely, people want to do it, and I'm building it around the 10-year high school reunion.

Veronica is 28 as we pick up the movie. She has just gotten out of law school at Columbia and starting to interview for jobs in New York law firms.

Why do you think fans have responded to "Veronica Mars"?
The key to achieving cult

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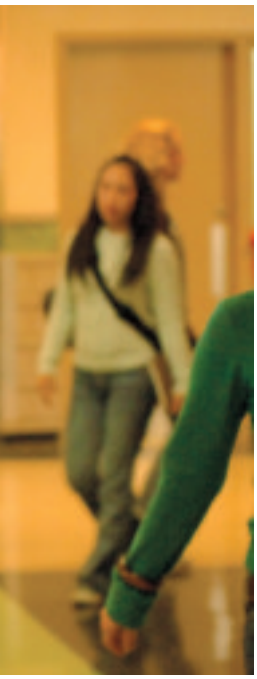

status is being able to hang on for a while. The fact that we started on UPN, and we were allowed to survive some not terrific numbers for a while was part of the equation because having done ABC, we'd only have been on for two episodes and we would never have been allowed to grow into a cult status.

"Seinfeld" started out with an order of six on a death night, and they allowed that to build. It went beyond cult status. I think being somewhere where no one noticed, where you weren't expected to do good numbers or great numbers, was key, and I think the character Veronica herself was a great fit for UPN. When I first went in there to have a meeting, they told me the direction they wanted to take the network. They said, "We think we're going to skew young and female, and we're looking for female empowerment shows."

I had written "Veronica Mars" a year before on spec. I had just written it for myself because it was an idea I was inspired by. I told them, "Well, I have a script in a drawer at home about a very empowered teenage girl."

What was your reaction to the Kickstarter success you experienced from the "Mars" fans, or "Marshmallows," as they're often called? You hit $2 million within 10 hours.

I was stunned. ... I was pretty confident going into it, but I never thought we'd hit $2 million [in 10 hours]. That surpassed my wildest expectations.

Q&A

What about your other series, "Party Down"? Will you try Kickstarter?

We hope that will become a movie as well, [but] we're not going the Kickstarter route. We're writing a script for an independent production company that we really respect. We hope for good news on that in the next year or so.

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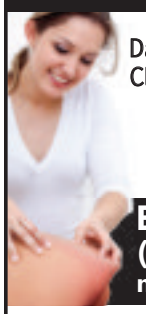

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Full checkered jacket

'Tis the season for some peppy style with fine tailoring. We round up the best selections in stores for spring.

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Let's start with the obvious: The checked sports jacket is not subtle. It was once the preserve of country club types, weekending 80s bankers and men too old to care about modesty. However, these days most urbanites are willing to subscribe to more outre outfits, and this natty number is certainly one way to go about it. The cut, as with most modern tailoring, is slimmer and less boxy — making it the perfect partner for chinos or shorts for the summer months.

On the street / KARL-EDWIN GUERRE

1

Paul Smith

Sky-blue check patch pocket jacket, $820, www.paulsmith.co.uk

2

Alexander McQueen

Slim-fit check wool blazer, $1,620, www.mrporter.com

3

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Fans think Cher died after Thatcher hashtag trends

Twitter. Watch out for those trick word spaces.

No, Cher fans, the singer and actress did not die. The Twitter hashtag "#nowthatchersdead" is meant to be read as "now Thatcher's dead" — not "now that Cher's dead."

Margaret Thatcher, the United Kingdom's former prime minister, died Monday at age 87 following a stroke. A website named Is Thatcher Dead Yet? quickly reacted, encouraging people to reveal how they're celebrating the death via tweets with hashtag #nowthatchersdead.

The hashtag sparked confusion and humor about Cher, the 66-year-old who has amassed 1.4 million Twitter followers with her quirky and sometimes nonsensical tweets.

BRIAN ANTHONY HERNANDEZ FOR
Mashable
The Social Media Guide

Tweets

Some of the tweets:

- **@CARRICKISMYICON: I'm very confused with the hashtag #nowthatchersdead.** Did Cher Die?
- **@nickmulligan: I can't believe that Cher is dead.** Do you believe in life after love?
- **@sexyghosts: RIP Cher.** Just saw the hashtag. Never was a fan myself but you've got to respect her influence.

Not to worry: Cher's still going strong. / GETTY IMAGES

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And this season his matchless ensemble includes, in one wildly entertaining number, ballet legend Mikhail Baryshnikov playing a crusty flirt who still has the power to charm partners and viewers. To recordings of amusing songs by the late Ivor Cutler, five women and three men cavort through "A Wooden Tree," acting out Cutler's wry lyrics.

The rest of the evening features live chamber music by Dvorak (for 1994's mysterious waiting-room drama, "The Office"), Henry Cowell (for the brand-new "Jenn and Spencer") and Carl Maria von Weber ("Crosswalk"), played by the company's resident ensemble.

"Jenn and Spencer" is a grand duet for Jenn Waddell and Spencer Ramirez, she in a floor-length, backless gown, he in a tuxedo shirt with sleeves rolled up. Circling each other, spiraling in and out, they use each other's body parts to cantilever and counterbalance. There are no romantic cliches here, just sheer physical energy and powerful attention between equals.

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"The eye easily gets tricked. Most people need a serving size reality check," says Nicolette M. Pace, R.D., the founder of NutriSource Inc., which specializes in nutrition-based disease prevention and treatment.

We asked Pace for some easy visual identifiers for common foods that we often oversize.

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Rice

Portion size: ⅓ cup
"Two-thirds is about the size of a tennis ball, so, half a tennis ball."

Pasta

Portion size: ⅓ cup
"With pasta it depends on type, but [aim for] about the size of a large computer mouse."

Chips

Portion size: 15 chips
"Count them. Most people eat double or triple an individual serving size. Look at the label. Even small bags have two to three servings."

Ice cream

Portion size: One cup
"The half pint looks like an individual serving, but it's really two. One serving is about the size of a baseball."

Chicken

Portion size: 3 ounces
"That is the recommended amount and that looks like a deck of cards. For a larger person to feel satisfied, the amount might be more like two decks."

French fries

Portion size: 10 fries
"It's horrible — it's like nothing. But you're dehydrating the potato and replacing the water with fat."

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Bread

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Sports bras on Sunday

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Cheapest

$175K

The least expensive property to hit the market this week is a $175 thousand studio at 32 Gramercy Park South. The top-floor co-op unit, which gets a lot of light, is marketed by Douglas Elliman. The unit is in a doorman building with access to Gramercy Park.

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How to buy an antique

Collecting. A fine arts expert tells us what to look for.

More than 60 antiques and art galleries from up and down the East Coast will display wares at the Philadelphia Antiques Show.
DANIEL BURKE PHOTOGRAPHY

It's out with the new, in with the old this weekend at the 52nd annual Philadelphia Antiques Show. Antiques and fine arts experts from up and down the East Coast will showcase pieces from the 1600s to the 1900s, while guided tours and a series of lectures help the novices learn the difference between Chippendale and Queen Anne.

We checked in with one of those experts, Christopher Rebollo of Christopher T. Rebollo Antiques in Buckingham, Pa., for tips on what to buy.

Trust your instincts: "Buy what resonates with you. The opinions of design school professors and home decorating magazine editors are just that, their opinions. If Victorian seating set ablaze with jewel-tone cut velvet floats your boat, who are we to sneer? Be a rebel."

Educate yourself: "At least half the fun of collecting is learning why the objects are made a certain way or look the way they do. Learn why some Newport, R.I., high chests are made with detachable legs — much easier to export by sea to far-flung ports — and why a specific glass bottle should always feature a rough pontil mark."

Buy the best you can afford: "This bit of advice is admittedly cliche, though for good reason. The Boston dealer Israel Sack once wrote in his 'Ten Commandments of Antiques' that 'bargains in antiques are sometimes fatal.' He was likely referring to the purchase of either a fake or a heavily restored piece bought cheap. While this is still a concern for anyone not relying on expert advice, it is equally important to resist the mediocre. It's better to own a masterpiece with some appropriate restorations than an all-original pig."

Seek art, not cash: "There is entirely too much emphasis placed on price. It's off-putting. Yes, it is fun to see the proverbial little old lady hit the jackpot on an appraisal program. Unfortunately, this publicity promotes the fallacy that art and antiques are out of reach for everyone except for the super-rich or, worse, that collectors should focus on investment potential rather than the art itself. This is supposed to be fun."

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LIBERTY PLAZA

Liberty Plaza, located at 10 Liberty Street, is reopening its waiting list and accepting waiting list applications for moderate-income rental apartments. There are currently no vacant apartments. The size, rent, and income requirements are as follows:

FAMILY SIZE*	APARTMENT TYPE*	MONTHLY RENT**	TOTAL GROSS ANNUAL INCOME RANGE*** MINIMUM-MAXIMUM
1	1 BEDROOM	up to $2,418	$74,400 - $90,300
2	1 BEDROOM	up to $2,418	$74,400 - $103,200
2	2 BEDROOM	up to $2,902	$89,292 - $103,200
3	2 BEDROOM	up to $2,902	$89,292 - $116,100
4	2 BEDROOM	up to $2,902	$89,292 - $128,850

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Gowanus is getting ready

Real estate. The area sandwiched between Carroll Gardens and Park Slope, abutting the notoriously polluted canal of the same name, has seen a spike in sales and prices in the last year.

A rendering of 202 Eighth St., a luxury rental project coming up in Gowanus. / THE REAL DEAL

Gowanus is the Williamsburg of 10 years ago. That's according to one residential broker working in the gritty Brooklyn neighborhood. But the area is clearly on the fast track to gentrification, with trendy stores and restaurants like Littleneck clam shack, Fletcher's Brooklyn Barbecue and the bakery Four & Twenty Blackbirds attracting attention, as well as Whole Foods and, yes, the hipster-sounding Royal Palms Shuffleboard Club gearing up to open. This month, we talked to brokers to get a lay of the land in the area.

Ruthanne Pigott
president, Brenton Realty

How is overall residential sales volume doing in Gowanus these days?
Gowanus is a small area and there really is not a tremendous amount of residential property. Much of Gowanus is zoned M1-2 [for light manufacturing]. The difference I see today is there is an excitement about the area.
Which price ranges and housing types are performing best?
A few years ago, houses were priced anywhere from $680,000 to $850,000. Now you would not see a house in Gowanus on the market for under $1 million. That's a huge jump.
How will the Lightstone Group's planned 700-unit residential project impact the neighborhood?
The project, I believe, may speed up the rezoning. Lightstone got a huge variance to build this project. Many who are buying in Gowanus are going to push for the rezoning so that they can build and extend their own properties. It will become too cumbersome, and unfair, for each owner to seek a variance when one has already been given for this huge residential building.

Ken Freeman
senior vice president of sales, Massey Knakal Realty

How is overall investment sales volume doing in Gowanus these days?
Last year was a remarkable year for investment sales in Gowanus. In addition, the EPA demonstrated that at some point in my lifetime the Gowanus Canal will be cleaned of toxic sludge.
Are you seeing an impact of the under-construction Whole Foods?
I believe that Whole Foods will dramatically affect the market. I watched for eight years as Forest City Ratner built the Barclays Center. Nothing happened to the surrounding real estate until the moment the arena opened, and then everything became sizzling hot. I think the moment Whole Foods opens, everyone will want a piece of the surrounding real estate.

Justin Dower
senior vice president, Ideal Properties Group

Which price ranges and housing types are doing best in Gowanus?
The multi-family and mixed-use buildings are the hottest commodity. Also, the heartbeat of Brooklyn is its small business owners, and Gowanus, being the Williamsburg of 10 years ago, is attracting a lot of those.
How will Lightstone Group impact the area?
If a major [company] like Lightstone is still willing, after the calamity of Sandy, to go ahead with their plans to build on top of a flood zone, many more investors [will feel safe] doing the same.

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Horoscope

♈ Aries | March 21 - April 20. You'll do your best work with enterprises you originate or can personally control.

♉ Taurus | April 21 - May 21. The beginning of a very interesting cycle could be underway. The first instance of it will be someone going out of his or her way to repay a kindness.

♊ Gemini | May 22 - June 20. An endeavor that you have high hopes for is likely to take a turn for the better.

♋ Cancer | June 21 - July 22. Don't despair if one of your projects isn't turning out to be as grandiose as you hoped. It may just need a bit more tweaking to make it perfect.

♌ Leo | July 23 - Aug. 22. This might be the perfect day to light the fuse on something that you expect to be very influential.

♍ Virgo | Aug. 23 - Sept. 22. Transformations are developing that could have a good effect on your financial status.

♎ Libra | Sept. 23 - Oct. 22. Someone whose influence exceeds yours is beginning to view you as a possible partner.

♏ Scorpio | Oct. 23 - Nov. 21. Continue to perform in ways that could impress your superiors, because they likely have their eyes on you.

♐ Sagittarius | Nov. 22 - Dec. 21. People of all types are likely to be drawn to you because, perhaps without you even realizing it, you'll have an exciting charisma.

♑ Capricorn | Dec. 22 - Jan 20. The lucky feeling you have is likely to be accurate. Rely on it.

♒ Aquarius | Jan. 21 - Feb 18. If you have some innovative ideas or plans that you would like to develop, go for it.

♓ Pisces | Feb. 19 - March 20. Although your financial trends may have been erratic lately, you should relax. Some stabilizing influences are starting to enter the picture.

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Sudoku: Easy and hard

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How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Letters

Trouble on two wheels or four

Re: "There's only room for one on the road" (Metro, April 5-7) I am a cyclist and a driver. I moved to the city four years ago. I have seen it all, including cars that disregard cyclists and cyclists that ride like maniacs. Until the police crack down on both and force them to obey the laws, both will continue to be dangerous! I watched a cab driver harass a cyclist up a side street because the cyclist wasn't moving fast enough. I have almost been hit by both a car and a cyclist while walking in a crosswalk while the light was green. I have seen both cars and cyclists blow through stop signs and red lights without stopping.

MARY GERRY, VIA E-MAIL

Re: "Bikers need to follow the law" (Metro, April 9) I totally agree with letter writer Rose la Maida when she put the bikers on blast. There should be laws for bikers who uses the same space as cars. Why should we have to drive below the speed limit for bicyclists who wants to drive slow because they know we have to share the road with them?

KAREN SMITH, VIA E-MAIL

Smoking out facts

Cigarettes are responsible for about 443,000 deaths per year. Marijuana is responsible for almost zero. Letter writer Andy Bellizzi's statement that marijuana is worse than cigarettes is baseless. Mr. Bellizzi's other claim is that legalized marijuana will possibly lead to more traffic accidents. While he is correct, he seems to forget alcohol. Alcohol is perfectly legal to buy, yet we endure story after story of families ruined by drunken driving. This really blunts his argument. MARK SNEED, VIA E-MAIL

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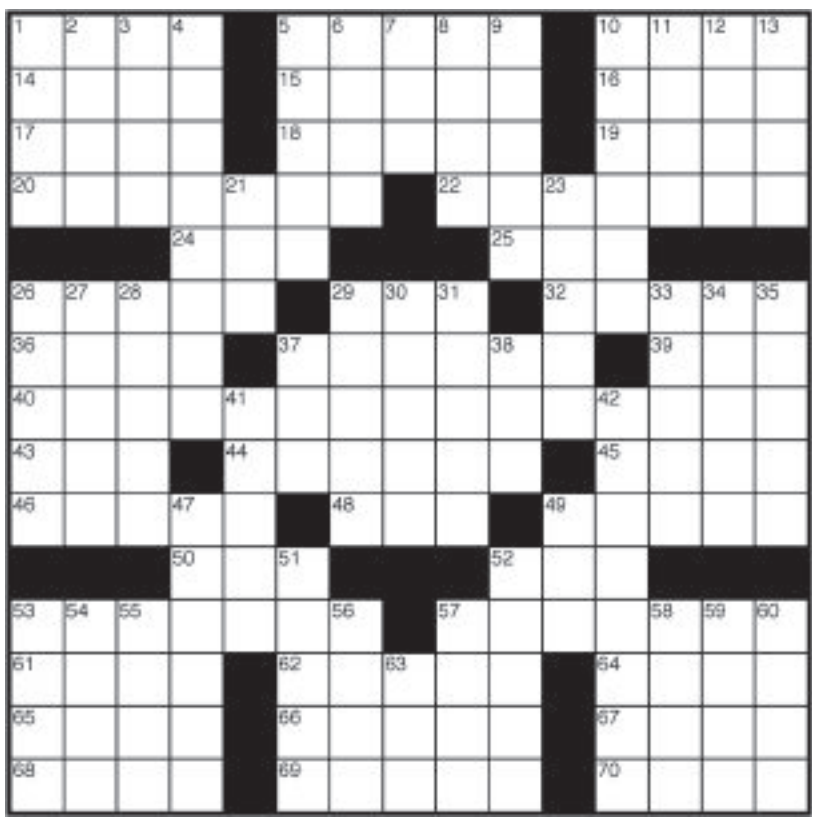

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Unarmed

Jay-Z selling shares?

Jay-Z is reportedly making the next step in his agency business. Yahoo! Sports reports the rapper is looking to sell his 0.067-percent stake in the Nets. Jay-Z announced the formation of sports agency Roc Nation last week. He can't represent NBA players as a team owner.

Young brilliance

Best is yet to come

Mets fans have been here before.

The collective failure of "Generation K," the trio of Jason Isringhausen, Bill Pulsipher and Paul Wilson, ruined all pitching prospects for a generation of fans. It shouldn't ruin a new generation from enjoying the exploits of Matt Harvey and, soon, Zack Wheeler.

Harvey isn't blowing high heat past Ryan Howard by luck. He's not a mirage. Thanks to a shared hometown, I've been following him since he was in high school. He actually is this talented.

The point of following prospects is to get excited about them.

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Harvey has fans pinching themselves after a dominant start to the season. / BRIAN GARFINKEL, GETTY IMAGES

Harvey making fans stand up, take notice

MLB. The Mets have a new star and his name is Matt Harvey.

Mets fans are starting to expect one thing when Matt Harvey takes the mound: dominance.

Manager Terry Collins isn't sure yet what to expect out of the 24-year-old, who is 2-0 with a 0.64 ERA in his first two 2013 starts. But he's stopped guessing.

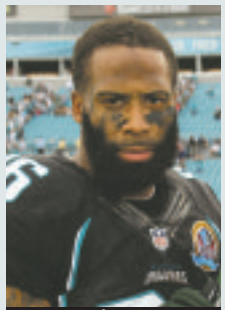
"Nothing surprises me about him," Collins said after Harvey's latest seven-inning gem against the Phillies on Monday. "When he needs it, it's there." METRO

Harvey and Ryan

Harvey is already putting himself in lofty company.

- Harvey became the first Mets pitcher since Nolan Ryan to start a season with two seven-inning starts with three or fewer hits.

Landry swap



Dawan Landry / GETTY IMAGES

Jets sign safety Dawan Landry

A quiet offseason for the Jets got a little louder yesterday with the signing of safety Dawan Landry to a free-agent deal.

The older brother of LaRon Landry, who played with the Jets last season, Dawan Landry spent his first three seasons in the NFL with the Ravens under Jets head coach Rex Ryan, who was then defensive coordinator in Baltimore. Dawan Landry, who was released by the Jaguars last month, was solid a season ago when he started 16 games and registered 100 tackles, the second-highest total in his career.

The signing fills in another roster slot as the Jets' overhaul on both sides of the ball continues. So far this offseason, the secondary lost the aforementioned LaRon Landry to free agency and cut safety Eric Smith. KRISTIAN DYER

Knicks No. 1

Melo tops jersey sales

The Knicks and Carmelo Anthony soundly defeated the Heat — in merchandise sales anyway.

The NBA released its official sales totals yesterday, and the leader in jersey sales this year was Anthony. He topped reigning MVP LeBron James, who led sales last season. But not only did Anthony take individual honors, but the Knicks won for top team sales as well. METRO

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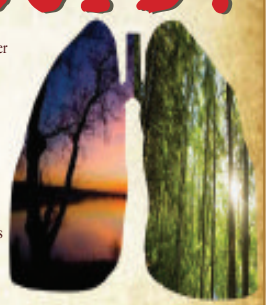

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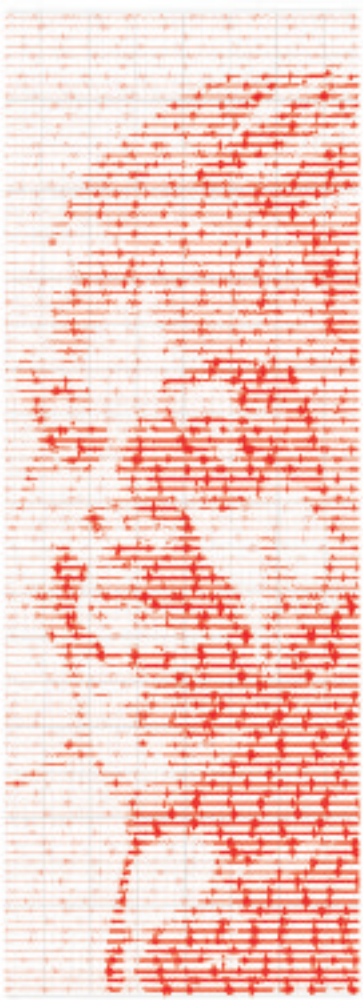

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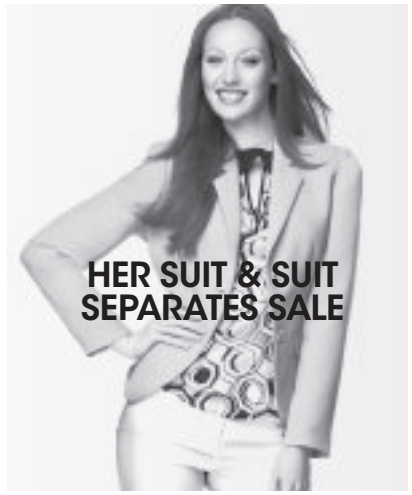

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